

JUDGE OLIVER

MAG. JUDGE PARKER

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

) INFORMATION

Plaintiff,

)  
5:20CR 006

v.

) CASE NO.

TERESA WEBER,

)  
Title 18, United States Code,  
Section 1344(2)

Defendant.

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General Allegations

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At all times material herein to this Information:

1. Defendant TERESA WEBER was an employee of Smith Evergreen Nursery (“Evergreen”).
2. Evergreen was a business that grew, sold and distributed evergreen trees to its customers. Evergreen’s place of business was in Magnolia, Ohio, in the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division.
3. Evergreen maintained a business checking account at Magnolia Bank, account number XXXXX0338 (“Evergreen’s bank account”). Magnolia Bank was a financial institution, the deposits of which were insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.
4. Defendant was authorized to write checks from Evergreen’s bank account to pay Evergreen’s business expenses.
5. Defendant maintained a personal bank account at Huntington Bank, account number XXXXXXXX5637 (Defendant’s “personal account”).

6. Defendant resided in the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division.

COUNT 1  
(Bank Fraud, 18 U.S.C. § 1344(2))

The United States Attorney charges:

7. The allegations set forth above in paragraphs 1-6 of the General Allegations are re-alleged herein.

8. From at least as early as October 1, 2010, through on or about April 4, 2018, in the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, and elsewhere, Defendant TERESA WEBER, knowingly executed and attempted to execute a scheme and artifice to obtain moneys, funds, credits, assets, securities, and other property of Evergreen that was under the custody and control of Magnolia Bank, a financial institution as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 20, the deposits of which were insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises.

9. It was part of the scheme that Defendant used her position as an Evergreen employee to embezzle company funds from Evergreen's bank account in order to pay her personal expenses.

10. It was further part of the scheme that Defendant conducted financial transactions with a financial institution (1) falsely representing that she was authorized to conduct the transactions, and (2) failing to disclose the material fact that she was conducting the transactions for her personal benefit and not on behalf of Evergreen.

11. It was further part of the scheme that Defendant wrote checks to herself from Evergreen's bank account and deposited these checks into her personal account.

12. It was further part of the scheme that Defendant placed on these checks a signature in the name of Evergreen's owner, using a signature stamp, to make it appear that Evergreen's owner approved of the transactions.

13. It was further part of the scheme that Defendant concealed her fraudulent activity by manipulating Evergreen's checking ledger by writing "void" on the stubs of checks that Defendant had issued to herself, in order to make it appear that these checks had never been issued.

14. As a result of this scheme and artifice to defraud, Defendant fraudulently obtained approximately \$423,000.00.

15. In execution of the scheme and artifice to defraud, on or about the dates listed below, Defendant did knowingly obtain approximately \$423,000.00 of monies and funds of Evergreen under the custody and control of Magnolia Bank by causing monies to be issued on the basis of unauthorized checks, including:

a. Writing approximately 123 checks to herself from Evergreen's bank account, as set forth below:

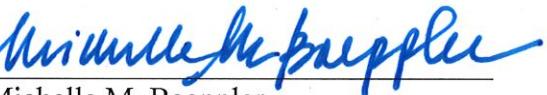
Year	Approx. Number of Checks Written	Total Approx. Value of Checks
2010	2	\$2,000
2011	11	\$39,500
2012	4	\$7,000
2013	11	\$36,500
2014	15	\$49,500
2015	17	\$65,000
2016	25	\$88,000
2017	30	\$103,500
2018	8	\$32,000

b. Depositing checks that she wrote to herself from Evergreen's bank account into her personal bank account, including in the instances set forth below:

Date Deposited	Check Number	Value of Check
February 26, 2013	17301	\$3,000
March 27, 2014	17608	\$1,500
January 30, 2015	17828	\$4,000
January 6, 2016	18005	\$4,000
January 9, 2017	18226	\$2,500
January 4, 2018	18423	\$4,000

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1344(2).

JUSTIN E. HERDMAN  
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